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Spring is upon us
History shows spring is a season of hope.
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Alpine plant?
Gardening columnist Belinda Gallagher explains.
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Bubble break
This week's editorial is about being open to connection.
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Haliburton County Huskies fans Gwen Wilson, seven, and Sophia Gooley, nine, both of Haliburton meet with "Huskie" the team's mascot, who made an appearance on Saturday, March 19 when the Trenton Golden Hawks visited the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. This was the third appearance for the mascot, who will be cheering and encouraging fans to do the same during the upcoming playoffs starting in a little more than a week. /DARREN LUM Staff

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SIGNS OF SPRING

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

Spring conjures up images of the past, with men working in the lumber camps, who moved the lumber during the spring log drive. This photo was taken at Dover's Rapids on the Drag River, near Haliburton Village, in the early 1900s. Submitted by Kate Butler, Haliburton Highlands Museum

What are your favourite signs of the transition from winter to spring? Perhaps the sound of birdsong? The smell of the damp soil coming back to life? The sound of snowbanks shedding layers under the glow of the sun? Or, are you simply looking forward to the taste of fresh maple syrup?

Historically, the spring thaw meant it was time to wrap up work in the lumber camps. The transportation of lumber with sleds and horses was only at its most efficient while the ground was frozen solid. As the waterways thawed, however, there was another avenue of employment which opened up for the most nimble on the crews – the log drive. The National Film Board's iconic short animation has taught us all that the way to get ahead as a log driver was to 'step lightly,' but the drive was dangerous work, breaking up the log jams with peaveys and pike poles. Special caulked shoes would help to give you extra grip, but you always needed to be quite literally thinking several steps ahead! I'm sure some saw the work as a thrill and an adventure, but I'm certain many were also counting the days until the drive would be over, so that they could head back to their families.

Closer to home, the first warm days would have found maple syrup production underway. Making maple syrup was a skill, which European settlers would have learned from Indigenous communities, and the syrup became a ubiquitous sweetener at a time when sugar was costly and not always readily available. Making maple syrup, as anyone who has done it will know, is an exercise in patience. Tapping trees and collecting sap takes time and boiling the sap down to syrup requires an attentive eye. It's a case of many hands making light work though, and there was the chance for children and adults of all ages to help. In fact, it often made sense for extended families and neighbours to collaborate. After a long winter, syrup time was a chance for a social visits to welcome the new season, with the bonus of sweet treats at the end! Few photos of early Haliburton County sugar shacks seem to survive, but we do have an image in the collection at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, which shows a gathering near the Walling family's farm on what was then the edge of Haliburton Village. Looking at the photo makes you wonder what the topics of conversation were that day. Doubtless, much of the chat around the fire would have been about the upcoming growing season.

Many families in Haliburton County chose to diversify in the 1870s and 1880s. Men who had laboured in the lumber camps throughout the winter would then work with their families to plant crops in the spring. Though agriculture could be challenging, there was likely still a lot of excitement about new crops after the winter's supplies had begun to dwindle and root vegetables had started to lose their appeal. Families might have even wondered if they would be able to repeat a previous year's win at one of the local agricultural fairs, or whether this might be the first time they got to take a ribbon home. Then, as now, spring was a time for renewal and possibilities. I hope that your spring is off to a wonderful start with lots of bright days ahead!

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Just what is an alpine plant?

Plants 101

BELINDA GALLAGHER

Garden Musings

EARLY SPRING is upon us here in Haliburton County and we are anxiously awaiting the debut of green and other colours in our gardens. For most, the non-native bulbs like snowdrops, small species tulips and crocus will break through the frozen ground first. Shortly thereafter we are treated to the diminutive group of alpine plants often called rock plants.

But just what is an alpine plant?

Wikipedia describes them as 'plants that grow in an alpine climate which occurs at high elevation and above the tree line.' These little gems grow in many different habitats like crevices in a cliff, debris from rock slides (scree) or even high mountain meadows. They can be bulbs, grasses, perennials, woody plants or even annuals.

Key to alpine plants are the many adaptations made to withstand the extreme conditions of cold, wind, ultraviolet light and a brief growing season at the top of mountains.

These include:

- Small size and mat or cushion-forming growth habit, which reduces wind resistance and protects the plants from the deep snow and ice.
- Tiny or narrow leaves that minimize moisture loss.
- Hairy, waxy or leathery leaf surfaces that act as windbreaks and sunscreen, protecting the plants from strong sunlight and drying winds.
- Extensive root systems anchoring the plants and allowing deep probing for water and mineral nutrients.
- Bright, jewel-tones and overly large flowers (or scores of small flowers) that attract pollinators in short order.

Many of these traits make them eminently suitable for rock gardens here in our county. Of course, like any group of plants there are a few things to watch out for.

First, alpine plants need excellent drainage. Nothing will kill these beauties faster than winter moisture. We are lucky to have fast-draining, gravelly soil in this area, but if you are not sure, plant them on a slope – also easy to find in Haliburton!

Second, alpines don't like warm, humid summers. I combat this by planting them in part shade on the windiest side of the house where they have constantly moving air while growing. The plants with grey foliage or needle-like foliage seem to tolerate the sun and heat so they are placed on the south and west slopes.

Some of my favourite alpines are common garden plants like creeping phlox, bellflower (Campanula), and beardtongue (Penstemon), each having several species native to North America.

Another popular alpine available in most garden centres is Pasque flower. It was named for the old French word for Easter – the time it usually flowers. Botanically, Pulsatilla vulgaris, it is an easy-to-grow plant that is both bee-friendly and rabbit-proof. Native from France to Ukraine it is a meadow alpine, forming a nice clump of finely, divided foliage. The flower colour ranges from white through violet and purple to pink and red. It is worth noting that the Prairie crocus, provincial flower of Manitoba is a close cousin to the Pasque flower.

Harder to find is the dainty Primula frondosa, cousin to cowslips and other primroses. It is native to shady areas in Bulgaria's central Balkan mountain range and does just fine in the rockery on the north side of our house. Growing to only 10", this little beauty has foliage that reminds me of the colour of pistachio ice cream.

Described as mint-green, the foliage is covered with a mealy, flour-like dust that protects the plant from sun and wind.

I can't leave the topic of alpine plants without mentioning hen and chickens (also called houseleeks). I don't know a single gardener that doesn't have some hen and chickens growing in their yard. The common name clearly describes the mom with her many pup plants and the botanical name, Sempervivum, means 'live forever,' which they usually do. I have several varieties, most of them purchased at Country Rose in Haliburton along with many other lovely alpines.

Even though we don't live above the tree line, these little treasures are certainly worth a try.

"Another popular alpine available in most garden centres is Pasque flower. It was named for the old French word for Easter – the time it usually flowers." Submitted by Belinda Gallagher

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Captured in among the pine trees, a pine marten looks up. Submitted by Tammy Nash

Dandelion by Richard Sharpe taken in the spring of 2020 on his lawn on Buckslide Road.

The last winter sky, with bare trees and a wispy cloud formation was seen Sunday, March 30, which was captured close to Loon Lake. /DARREN LUM Staff

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When: Thursday March 31, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Museum
Guest Speaker: Charles Wheeler co-author, with his wife Laurie, of the soon to be published book *Where the two lakes meet - The history of the Drag Lake community*.
Light refreshments will be served

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When: Wednesday mornings 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. January to May.
Where: Lakeside Church - 9 Park Street Haliburton
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Branch 129 Haliburton

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Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall
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Bingo starts at 7 p.m. $500 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month
Thursdays: General Meeting for this month has been changed to March 31, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start – Schofield Room
Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
Saturdays: 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.

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Schedule is subject to change without notice, so contact the Legion for updates.

Community partners needed to help community youth

AMANDA DUNCOMBE-LEE
Point in Time

Support is out there for youth who are having experiences in the youth justice system. Point in Time's Youth Justice services are some of the lesser known, but vitally important services provided by the agency.

Support can also be provided to youth by community individuals and businesses based right here in Haliburton County. The Youth Justice Team has an ongoing need for partnerships with individuals and businesses to provide Community Service Hour opportunities for youth who may require them as part of their court resolution. This could be raking leaves, cutting grass, light construction work, help around the office, or other tasks. Youth Justice workers screen risk levels when placing youth in the community to ensure safety is at the forefront for both partners and for youth.

According to Youth Justice Team lead Shelby Macmillan, assisting youth with connecting to the community, along with structured support from youth justice programs, can help youth achieve accountability, self-confidence, and reduce chances of reoffending.

Point in Time's Youth justice team offers multiple services to youth in the community. For youth ordered to attend community programming by their probation officer, the Attendance Centre works from a harm reduction philosophy with the youth and probation officer to tailor programming to suit each youth's specific needs.

Diversion programs (both pre and post charge) are offered in collaboration with the OPP and the court, where youth are given opportunities to complete specific programming related to their offences to have their charges withdrawn.

Youth justice services also include court support by a youth mental health court worker who gives support to youth and their families in navigating the justice system and court appearances. The worker can help support youth with connecting to duty counsel, help finding lawyers, or just explaining the youth justice system in general.

For youth, who may be at increased risk for involvement with Child Welfare and/or the Youth Justice System because of complex social and personal problems, the community-based Differential Response program provides flexible outreach services that are delivered in the youth's environment and community.

Thirteen youth were supported through Point in Time's youth justice services in 2020, and 15 were supported in 2021.

All youth justice programs have opportunities for Community Service Hour opportunities. Business or individuals who wish to offer youth some community service hours can reach out to Youth Justice Team lead Shelby Macmillan at shelbym@pointintime.ca, or by calling 705-457-5345 ext. 322.

Interested businesses and individuals should note that to the high degree of confidentiality of all youth who are involved in the youth justice system, only staff involved with the program have access to their files. This means their data is private and confidential unless they should choose to give informed consent to share that information with others.

Point in Time staff are committed to the practice of prevention, early intervention, and delivery of services in the least intrusive manner possible. Services focus on the strengths of the individual and/or the family, respecting confidentiality and embracing diversity.

To learn more about the Youth Justice Program and other services, visit www.pointintime.ca or call 705-457-5345.

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents

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Out of the bubble, and into love

I DID THE THING.

That thing so many of us have been avoiding whilst simultaneously craving for literally years. I left Haliburton County. For two whole days.

When the pandemic hit, my family and I made the decision to lay low. What started as a decision for the betterment of others quickly evolved into a way of life. With the undertones of community support, we also developed layers of anxiety, fear, and uncertainty. Alas, this was what being an empathic human in the era of a modern pandemic was like.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Special to County Life

Fast forward a few years and a few arm jabs and here we are. Ready to take on the world. Almost.

We ventured three and a half hours east. After four washroom breaks and approximately 732 "are we there yets," we made it to the nation's capital for two whole days during the March break.

In the not-so-distant past, I used to fancy myself an "off-the-beaten-path" traveler. I would find the weirdest accommodations, never say no to a night out, and try any food put in front of me. Then I turned 30, settled down with a loving partner who came with two great kids, and make regular mortgage payments. The only constant in life is change, and I am grateful for that.

Now, when I travel, it turns out that a prerequisite I have for a good time is a heated pool. That's it. We booked a hotel downtown with a view of the city, an elevator, and of course, a heated pool. We were excited, nervous, cautious, uncertain, and giddy for a change of scenery.

In two years, we have built a bubble around ourselves. We have been bombarded with news, statistics, numbers, values. We have been told to make life-altering decisions on a literal daily basis. We have questioned our own motives, desires, and dreams.

Thankfully, over the past few years, we have been privileged enough to be nestled into a small community, where we have had the space to wander deep into the woods, or dive into a fresh lake. Where social distance and isolation were not strangers to us. Where we had a cozy corner of the world to call our own.

These little country mice felt worried about city life. About the bustle and energy and ... the people. Everywhere. Yet, we knew the value a change of scenery could provide, so we jumped in, with approximately 20 masks and enough hand sanitizer to sink a ship.

While we were driving into the big city and seeing the outline of the tall buildings, my oldest step-daughter said, "I hope I'll make friends in Ottawa." We told her we were there for two days, but we loved that idea. While we entertained and supported her idea, we reasonably thought that making friends would be impossible. It had been a long time since we made a new friend.

On our first night, we met a server named Melissa. She came right up to my step-daughter and asked her about her day. We chatted and she showed the kids some of her favourite YouTube videos on her phone. My step-daughter gave her a friendship bracelet, which was made over dinner. Every other day, we saw her again, and she was still wearing that bracelet. The people at the front desk learned all our names and asked us about our days every time we saw them. They even went as far as to learn all the kids' stuffed animals names and addressed them by those names. Every time. The chef at the restaurant came out one night and asked which one of us made the bracelets. My step-daughter promptly made him one, in his favourite colours of course.

When we left, Melissa brought us a big bag of books and games from her own home that she had played with her daughter when she was young. She was still wearing the friendship bracelet. The front desk staff said goodbye to our girls, and all their stuffies by name.

There is kindness in the world. Over the past few years, over the past few months, even over the past few weeks, we have forgotten that. Yet as our safety bubble popped and we re-entered into the world, we found it again. It is possible, no matter where you go, to make new friends.

Top 10 reasons why people want to continue working from home

NOW THAT pandemic restrictions have been loosened, employers are starting to talk about bringing employees back into the workplace. But there are stories of employee reluctance to do so. Luckily, I did a little research and discovered the top 10 reasons why. They are:

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Too much money invested in track pants.
2. Zoom meetings are still just from the waist up.
3. The commute got even better after the work computer was relocated to bedside table.
4. You can't be a "cat lady "in the office.
5. Far easier to fake enthusiasm and interest via email.
6. "I emailed that to you yesterday. You didn't get it?" is the new way to buy more time.
7. Brainstorming sessions with the dog just seem to work better.
8. Ninety per cent less stories about what co-workers' kids did on the weekend.
9. Finally, have my own executive washroom.
10. My home office has an accepting environment where no one feels uncomfortable wearing their tin foil hat.

Being Pacific

Life's operations are simply a game
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Some of us aim for less fortune and fame
Hating the tortoise-hare race

I avoid much of the racing for gold
Witness the chaos, not join
Quietly watch a sweet balance unfold
Tasting both sides of the coin
Finishing last isn't always a loss
Often it means gaining more

Notice a nuance instead of the gloss
Peaceful whatever the score

Unless it's Scrabble, or other such ops …
Playing me means **YOU WILL LOSE!**
Trivia, *Balderdash, Battling Tops*
Being trumped gives me the blues …

Deborah J Reed

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In the stillness of this cold clean night
In the quiet of this later hour
I know no other cove nor coast
So well; you know, it hides my ghost

Heavy fir heads hang the edge
Standing birch so white against night
Dark green lake, so deep and chill
Orion watching, huge and still

This is the place where the moon comes to hide
Fingers the textures, paints the earth
This is where ospreys and gulls stop by
So still, this big earth and the sky

So quiet ... so free ... so dear to me ...

Hold me sweet air, soft breath of night
Cover me over with rushes of wind
Touch my soul with the light of the moon
You know, I have to leave, too soon

Swaying weeds in the lake and on shore
Come dance with me in this strange lagoon
This delight of the senses; the elements and me
Nowhere else could I feel so free.

Susan Kellar

Fandom showcased

Haliburton County Huskies fan Dalton Fairey of Minden with "Huskie" the team's mascot on Saturday, March 19 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The fans had reason to cheer the home team, who beat the visiting Trenton Golden Hawks 2-1, They have been the talk of the league for the strong support in terms of attendance, which even had MPP Laurie Scott speak to the team's success and the fandom at Queen's Park earlier this year. /DARREN LUM Staff

Fans of the Haliburton County Huskies cheer a goal, which was waved off by the officials, on Saturday, March 19.

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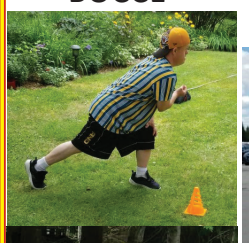

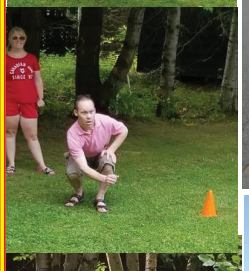

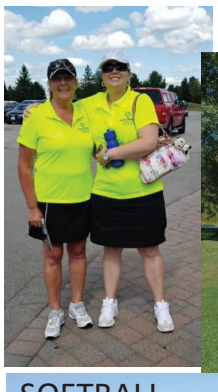

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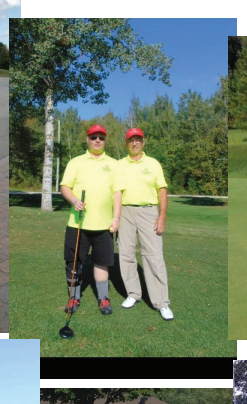

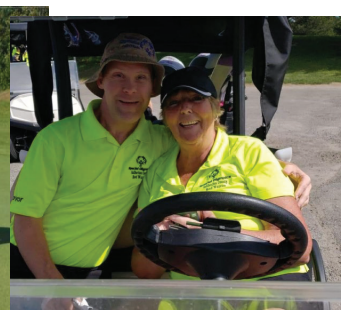

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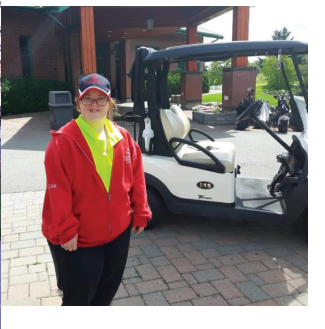

Local Landmark Mystery

Local Landmark reveal: Pan in the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. Created by George Pratt from salt and pepper granite, this imposing sculpture is an homage to the story of Pan the pagan god of forests and wild places. Pratt started with a 8,700 kilogram (that's 97 average sized NHL players), block of granite and removed more than 3,000 kilograms of stone to reveal Pan reclined against a tree trunk playing his pipes. Installed in 2003, the Pan sculpture predates the Fleming College campus by a year and serves as a bit of a "guardian" at the entrance to the sculpture forest. Pan is just one of 40 pieces to be found in the Sculpture Forest, one of North America's most intriguing outdoor art galleries.

The following are images of a local landmark. Try to guess what the landmark is and look for the reveal in next week's *County Life*. Concept and images from Thom Lambert, who shares informative posts about things to see and do in the Highlands through @myhaliburtonhighlands on Instagram. /Submitted by Thom Lambert

BALL HOCKEY

Tuesdays from May 3 - June 7
@ the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton

Divisions & Times

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- U15 ~ 8:00 – 8:45 pm
- U18 ~ 9:00 – 9:45 pm

Required Equipment

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- Hockey gloves
- Shin guards
- Hockey stick
- Clean, indoor athletic shoes
- Elbow pads are strongly recommended

Cost: $45/player

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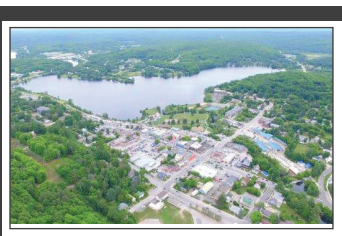
- Volunteers must provide a Vulnerable Sector Check prior to start of program.

To volunteer please contact: amueller@dysartetal.ca // 705-457-1740 x. 635

Registration opens online Wednesday, March 23.
Go to www.dysartetal.ca/program-registration/ to register.



Adele Barry
705-457-0306

Thinking of buying or selling?

- I have buyers for a wide range of price points
- I can provide a current market valuation for your property

Dagmar Boettcher**
457-5968

Kushog Lake $1,150,000

- Log 3 season cottage on over 4 acres
- West facing waterfront, deep off dock
- Flat shared driveway off municipal road

Andy Campbell
854-0292

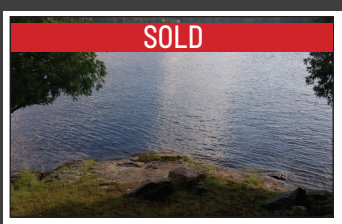
1029 Country Rd

- 2 brdm / 1 bath
- 1.45 Acres
- Township Maintained Road

Gloria Carnochan* & Brean Budel*
754-1932

Thinking about selling?

- Wondering what your property is worth
- Let's chat about the 40.1% increase in value!



Mark Dennys*
457-0473

Soyers Lake - Sold In 2 Days

- 490 Ft Water Frontage, 75 Acres
- South/Southwest Exposure
- 2 Properties w/ Clean Shoreline
- 5 Lake Chain w/ 2 Marinas

Tom Ecclestone*
286-2138 x 226

Kashagawigamog Lake $1,495,000

- 3 Bdrms, 2 baths w/ 2,200 SF
- 110' clean sand/rock shoreline
- 4 Season cottage/home

Lindsay Elder*
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Listings Wanted!

- If you're thinking of selling...CALL ME!
- Strike while the market is hot!

Melanie Hevesi**
854-1000

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Andrew Hodgson**
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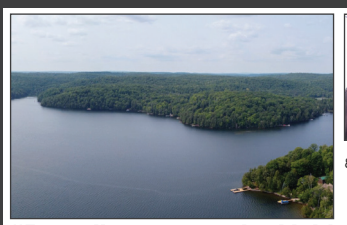
Drag Lake $2,500,000

- Executive home or 4-season retreat
- 4 bedrooms, 5 baths, a loft above the garage
- 3,000+SF and 3-season lakeside room
- 187' spectacular sand beach with SW exp



Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 133

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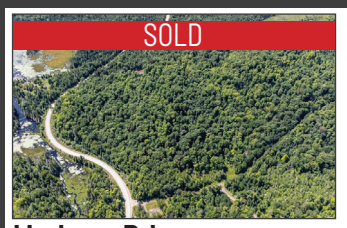
Donna McCallum*
455-2054

Haliburton Home $1,450,000

- Spectacular, custom-built Haliburton home
- 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, with 2 apartments
- 5,300 SF of living space across 3 levels
- Stothart Creek, a sought-after subdivision



Brandon Nimigon***
457-2128 x 127

Harburn Rd

- 17 vacant lots over 47acres
- 1.91 acres to 4.92 acres
- Registered Plan of Subdivision
- Close to town

Karen Nimigon**
457-6505

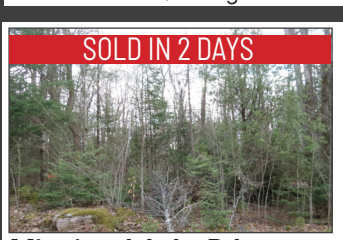
Coming Soon to MLS

- Charming 4 Season cottage, bunkie + detached garage w/loft.
- -Spectacular Rippled Sand Shoreline, West Exposure, 2-Lake chain

Kelly Kay*
705-457-6841
Kirsten Rae*
705-854-1454

Gainforth Road

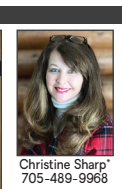
- Stunning custom home on 3.9 acres
- - 3300 sq ft 5 bedroom 4 bathroom
- - Very private setting w/ pond
- - Record Sale For Non-WF Residential



Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Minnicock Lake Rd

- 10 Acres of mixed bush
- -Year round township road.
- -Great for home or recreational use.



Christine Sharp*
705-489-9968

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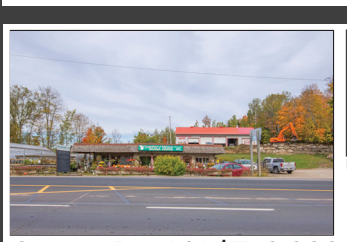
- Selling Prices Are Up!

Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 128

Mountain Street

- 3 Brdm / 2 Baths
- Close to town



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 232

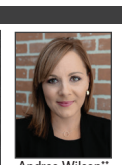
County Road 21 $750,000

- Commercial property in Haliburton
- Prime corner location, 1.5 acres
- Rental house as an added feature
- Sale includes land, & building

Tom Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 225

County Road 121

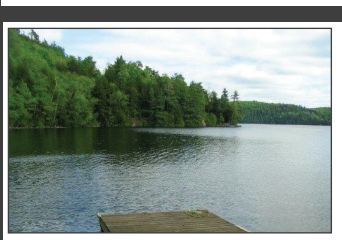
- 3 Bdrm / 1 Bath
- 1.5 Acres



Andrea Wilson**
705-457-6694

Chalet Rd

- 1.5 acre building lot w/ 250' of road frontage
- Minutes to Sir Sam's Ski/Ride & Eagle Lake Public beach.
- Well treed lot.



Jim Allder*
705-935-1112

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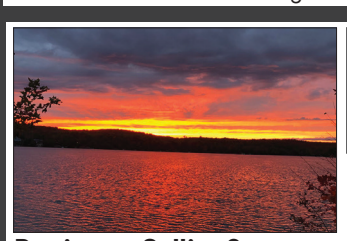
- Call me today to book a no obligation property evaluation
- I have buyers waiting...



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Learning to live again, even with COVID-19

March 11, 2020, was the day COVID-19 really hit home. It came in many forms: for my husband, the cancellation of NBA games; for my son, the extension of March Break into April; and for me, in the ensuing days, a dramatic shift in where, how, and what I did at work.

Two-plus years on, we're still living with the effects of COVID-19. While the situation is improving, the pandemic's 'end' is not as clear-cut as its start. COVID-19 is here to stay, and we need to learn to live with, not be held hostage, by it.

A good place to start is reflecting on how the pandemic has affected us. Many people have experienced loss, illness, challenges, confusion, fear, and frustration. This is understandable, but in the midst of COVID-19, is there a silver lining or something we learned about ourselves?

Telling the story of our COVID-19 experiences (writing in a journal, composing a song, painting a picture, or sharing with others) can help us process and come to terms with these changes. We can write our own ending to the pandemic by reflecting on what we learned and were taught by others.

For instance, what I learned was that baking bread during COVID-19 wasn't for me. What mattered were 'little things' like a handwritten note, a surprise care package, or the knowledge someone was thinking of me. Realizing this, I made a commitment to pay it forward to others.

In reflecting on COVID-19's impact, we also need to address the other R's – risk, relationship, and routine – to adjust to life with the virus.

As more COVID-19 restrictions end, managing risks associated with COVID-19 will fall to us. We must choose whether to wear masks, eat out at a restaurant or attend a concert. These choices are different for all of us based on our comfort level, personal circumstances, or health concerns. What should be common – call it common decency – is showing respect and understanding for other people's decisions.

Reviewing relationships is equally important. We're social creatures, so connections can help heal scars from COVID-19 isolation and lockdowns. We may want to meet new people or strengthen existing bonds. Alternately, we may choose to end a relationship that weighs us down or find more 'me' time if we find solace in being alone.

Routines can also help us cope with the new normal. Much of our pandemic angst can be traced to uncertainty and loss of routine. Routines build predictability in our lives, helping us feel safe and calm. We should be intentional in our choices, getting back to things that we enjoy and embracing new routines that bring us pleasure. In deciding what's right, we should opt for routines that are important and 'nourishing.'

Living life with COVID-19 is possible. We just need to (re)learn to live a little!

Submitted by Dearbhla Lynch,
Health Promoter,
HKPR District Health Unit

Health promoter Dearbhla Lynch said life during the pandemic has made her see life differently. Submitted by HKPR

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Preference will be given to candidates who have:

- Minimum of two (2) years' recent Municipal financial or related experience;
- General knowledge of Municipal accounting software, principles and practices;
- Post-Secondary education, with discipline in finance or accounting, or related combination of education and experience.
- Successful completion of Municipal Finance and Accounting course
- Tax Collection

Responsibilities (Include but not limited to):

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- Responsible for the collection, analysis and data input of Accounts Payable (A/P) invoices to the applicable General Ledger (G/L) account, ensuring the accurate allocation of HST and annual returns, and the posting to the correct G/L account.
- Responsible for balancing of the A/P accounts in the G/L
- Responsible for researching all outstanding A/P to ensure payments are made in a timely manner and the Municipality is not subject to late charges
- Responsible for maintaining vendor records in software program, as well as, paper filing system

Accounts Receivable:

- Responsible for the preparation of the monthly invoicing for the Accounts Receivable (A/R) functions
- Responsible for the collection of late payments on outstanding invoices and follow up with the applicable collection procedures
- Assists the Deputy CAO/Treasurer or designate(s) in various reconciliations, including bank reconciliations, summaries and reports, as required
- General Administration:
- Assists the Deputy CAO/Treasurer or designate(s) to ensure that all necessary information and documents are available for interim and year end audits relating to accounts payable, accounts receivable and other finance related requirements.
- Responsible for the tracking of the fuel consumption of vehicles for the Climate Change Initiative
- Provides support to Municipal staff with financial and general administration duties
- Completes general receipting and tax collection duties when required
- Assists the Tax Collector with tax billing preparation and tax collection duties when required
- Provides backup for general reception duties on the telephone and at the front counter
- Provides clerical and administrative support including, word and spreadsheet development and maintenance, reporting writing and other similar tasks.
- Assists the Deputy CAO/Treasurer or designate(s) in maintaining an effective and efficient work flow in the Finance Department
- Attends necessary and/or approved educational workshops, seminars or webinars as required.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Applications **clearly marked "Application –Full-Time Accounts Payable Clerk"** may be submitted on or before 12:00 pm, April 11th, 2022 via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer Municipality of Highlands East
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0
Fax: 705-448-2532 E-Mail: shunter@highlandseast.ca

A copy of the detailed job description is available upon request.

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Municipality of Highlands East is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants requiring accommodation are asked to contact the CAO/Treasurer.

Applicant information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to determine qualifications for employment with the Municipality of Highlands East. Questions about this collection should be directed to Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer

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The Municipality of Highlands East
Is Currently Seeking An
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Situated on the Eastern side of Haliburton County, Highlands East covers 758 square kilometers with over 70 lakes, pristine scenery and is only a 2.5 hour drive from the Greater Toronto Area. Highlands
East is a predominately rural community and is comprised of the amalgamation of the Townships of Bicroft, Cardiff, Glamorgan and Monmouth as of 2001. The hamlets of Cardiff, Highland Grove, Wilberforce, Tory Hill and Gooderham are our settlement areas.

Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer/Treasurer, the Environmental Supervisor will be responsible for strategically planning, directing and supervising the municipal water, sewer, and landfill operations. The Environmental Supervisor will also develop, implement and administer the objectives, policies and standards as established and approved by Council, in accordance with all applicable by-laws and provincial/federal regulations.

The municipality is seeking a graduate of a post-secondary Environmental Studies program or equivalent work related experience. A minimum of two years of management experience in municipal operations is required. The successful candidate will have demonstrated progressively responsible experience with budget preparation, program management, evaluation and decision making. Strong leadership and people management skills are mandatory, including the ability to administer and interpret collective agreements.

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications

clearly marked "Application – Environmental Supervisor, Maternity Leave" may be submitted on or before 4:00 p.m., Monday, April 25th, 2022 via mail, in person or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

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P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0
E-Mail: shunter@highlandseast.ca

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Space-age medicine comes to Haliburton

Patients needn't travel far to visit doctor in Toronto

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

The Jetson age has arrived at Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

Beth Archibald showed last Friday how the new $70,000 telemedicine suite looks and works.

The three television screens, computer, fax machine, two cameras and document scanner do not look like medical equipment but they are essential to a new way of delivering medical care. With a normal television remote control, these machines can link patients with doctors hundreds of kilometres away.

Archibald, the director of community health services, explained to a group of representatives from the Haliburton County Service Providers how the new $70,000 suite at the Haliburton hospital can be used. The equipment creates an opportunity to communicate via video-conferencing or "telemedicine", allowing patients in Haliburton to meet with specialists and doctors anywhere in Ontario.

Archibald says HHHS chose to join the North Network because it is Canada's largest telemedicine organization. More than 500 physicians and 70 specialists use the system, along with professionals in allied health fields such as dieticians, physical therapists, occupational therapists, psychiatrists, and speech and language pathologists through more than 150 video-conferencing systems.

"Patients used to have to drive to the city prior to a hip replacement, for example, for a doctor to walk in and say 'How's your blood work?' and look at a chart. After a five-minute visit you go home. Now you can do that here," says Archibald.

The equipment enables anyone in the

See **Specialists** *page 7*

DARREN LUM/Echo

Chipping away at winter

Linsey Trotter, a Bwana Johns employee, chops the ice leading to the entrance of the store located along Highland St., during a break in the cold with 12° temperatures on Thursday. The spring-like conditions were brief as snow fell the very next day.

Straw bale building is new home for 4Cs

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

Plans are moving ahead for a new 4Cs building beside the Rails End Gallery.

Details were hashed out last week between project partners from Sir Sandford Fleming College, the 4Cs and Dysart et al. The municipality owns the building currently housing the 4Cs, a non-profit group that operates the Lily Ann clothing depot and the food bank on the other side of the Drag River. Councillor Leon Jones says he has wanted to tear down the Drag River Municipal Building for years but the municipality had nowhere else to house the 4Cs.

Ted Brandon, Fleming's operations manager, says the ideal solution became apparent when the college decided to offer a new course on sustainable building centered around straw bale construc-

See **Straw house** *page 13*

DARREN LUM/Echo

Lily Ann volunteers Veronica Rohlmann and June Pockett organize clothing donations brought in Monday, Jan. 17. The cramped quarters at their current location makes organizing a difficult task for the volunteers and they look forward to having a bigger space built for them next to the Rails End Gallery.

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KAWAGAMA LAKE $279,000

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NEW LISTING PRIVACY AND A POOL $625,000

Wonderfully private location backing onto a mature forest for hours of wildlife watching.

Enjoy the babble of the year round creek or take a dip in your in-ground swimming pool.

Beautifully renovated, enjoy the warmth of wood underfoot and the space of cathedral ceilings overhead. With 3 bed, 2 bath and a detached garage, there's plenty of room for sleepy guests and all your stuff.

This rare gem is turn-key and ready to go!

NEW LISTING OPPORTUNITY AWAITS $388,000

This 2490 sqft multi-level side split home features 4 bed, 2 bath, main level laundry room, and plenty of living space.

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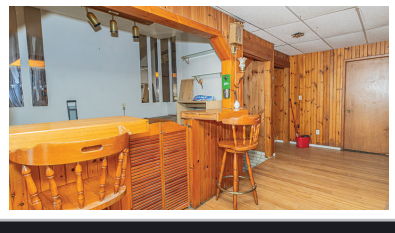

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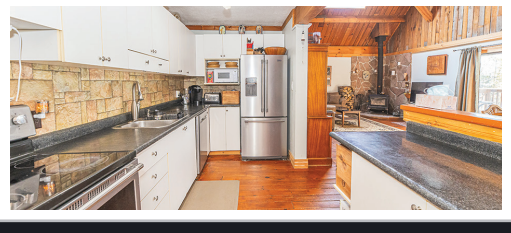

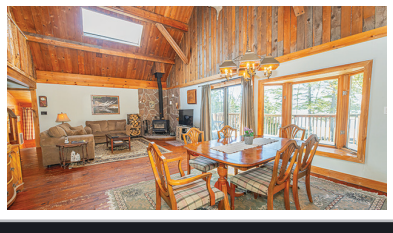

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